

Remarks

Applicant has canceled all of the claims rejected in the Office Action.

Applicant has added new independent claim 42 which is the combination of original claims 19 and 20; new independent claim 43 which is the combination of original claims 19 and 21; new independent claim 44 which is the combination of original independent claim 19 and dependent claim 22; and new independent claim 45 which is the combination of original independent claim 19 and dependent claim 23. Applicant notes that the Examiner has said that these combinations would be allowable.

Applicant notes the allowance of independent claims 36-41. After the entry of this Amendment the application will have 10 claims all of which are independent claims. Prior to the entry of this Amendment the application had eight independent claims and the fee for the two additional independent claims is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-0877 as set forth in the Transmittal Letter to which this Amendment is attached.

Applicant has amended the Summary of the Invention so that it is consistent with the independent claims canceled herein, the new independent claims added by this amendment.

Applicant notes the objections of the draftsman to the drawing figures as filed and will submit formal drawing figures meeting all of those objections upon the receipt of a Notice of Allowability for this application.

Reconsideration of the application in accordance with Rules 111 and 112 is requested.

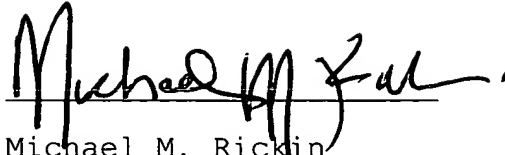
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